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Monday, August 7, 2023.

Met at fourteen 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.

Communication.

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plans of correction for the Bridgewater Complex Food Service inspection on May 24, 2023, MCI Norfolk inspection on April 25, 26 and 27, and May 1, 2023, Middlesex County Jail and House of Correction inspection on April 21 and 24, 2023 and May 16, 2023 and Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center inspection on June 12, 13, 14 and 15, 2023 (received July 31, 2023),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- plans of correction. SD2711

Report.

Report of the Office of the Inspector General (pursuant to Section 196(c) of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting its review of the MBTA's In-Station Customer Service Contract with Block by Block (received July 26, 2023),-- was placed on file.

OIG,-- MBTA contract report. SD2712

Petition.

Mr. Cyr presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2435) of Julian Cyr, Kip A. Diggs and Steven George Xiarhos (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the city known as the town of Barnstable to change the use of a portion of land within Mother's Park [Local approval received];

Barnstable,-- Mother's Park.

Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4035) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Greenfield be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said city;

Greenfield,-- liquor license.

To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4036) of David F. DeCoste and John F. Keenan (by vote of the town) relative to changing the name of the board of selectmen to select board in the town of Rockland;

Rockland,-- charter.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4037) of Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor (by vote of the town) relative to the transfer of certain parcels of land in the town

Cohasset,-- land.

of Cohasset for general municipal purposes and for telecommunications leases and easements;

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4038) of Aaron L. Saunders and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) relative to the membership of the planning board in the town of Shutesbury;

Shutesbury,--  
planning board.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4039) of F. Jay Barrows and Paul R. Feeney (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Norton;

Norton,-- treasurer  
investments.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4041) of Marcus S. Vaughn and Rebecca L. Rausch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wrentham be authorized to continue the employment of police chief William McGrath, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Police officers,-- age  
restrictions.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4042) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Cynthia Stone Creem (by vote of the town) relative to the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Wellesley;

Wellesley,--  
community housing.

**Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

A report of the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 179) of Kenneth I. Gordon and others relative to large family child care homes, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Education,-- **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Home child care,--  
enrollment.

*Emergency Preamble Adopted.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Thomas Hartley, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 3966), 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 2 to 0.

Thomas Hartley,--  
sick leave.

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

*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 establishing a sick leave bank for Jody Ricketson, an employee of the department of children and families (Senate, No. 2433) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Jody Ricketson,--  
sick leave.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill amending the town of Avon's by-laws (House, No. 3746, changed -- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Avon,-- board of  
selectmen.

**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 petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4049) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., and Walter F. Timilty (with the approval of the town council) relative to the preparation of

Randolph,-- bilingual  
ballots.

bilingual ballots in English and Haitian Creole for state elections in the city known as the town of Randolph,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Election Laws.**

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Thomas Hartley, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 3966) (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.

*Moment of Silence.*

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Collins), the members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Daniel F. Clifford.

Moment of silence.

*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.

*Adjournment in Memory of Daniel F. Clifford.*

The Senator from Norfolk and Middlesex, Ms. Creem, presented a request that when the Senate adjourns today, it do so in memory of Daniel F. Clifford of Newton.

Daniel F. Clifford passed away on June 25, 2023 at the age of 74.

Dan Clifford was a longtime ward chairperson and local Democratic leader, promoting progressive causes, as well as a commercial real estate consultant, appraiser and reviewer.

Dan was well-respected as a political activist, both in the Newton community and through his union advocacy. Raised by a single mother, Dan started work at a young age with a paper route and maintained a strong work ethic his entire life. Starting as a bartender at the Copley Plaza Hotel, Dan ultimately worked his way up the union ladder, and in 1981 was elected Secretary Treasurer of Local 26 of the Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Workers Union in Boston, which represented thousands of food service workers and restaurant employees.

In 1984, Dan worked on Senator John Kerry's first senatorial campaign and continued to be active for many years in Democratic campaigns.

Dan is survived by his wife, Margi Butler, daughter, Irene, son, Jay, and stepson, David Winbourne. He will be remembered for his kindness, loyalty, generosity, wonderful storytelling, and knowledge of politics and real estate.

He will be missed by the Newton community and by all who knew him.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Daniel F. Clifford, at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. O'Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.