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Thursday, August 10, 2023.

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

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communication from the Department of Public Health submitting its Arbovirus Weekly Report for the week of August 7, 2023 (received August 8, 2023),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- arbovirus report. SD2713

Reports.

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

Report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (pursuant to Section 2(B)(s) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 annual report on Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card photo requirement exemptions (received August 8, 2023);

DTA,-- EBT report. SD2714

Report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (pursuant to Section 2(B)(r) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 annual report on Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) eligible noncitizen status clients (copies having been forwarded as required to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and joint committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities) (received August 8, 2023); and

DTA,-- noncitizen report. SD2715

Report of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (pursuant to Section 3B of Chapter 7 of the General Laws and Executive Office for Administration and Finance Administration Bulletin 6) submitting notice that the RMV Division is proposing a one-time fee for non-resident short-term registration (received July 31, 2023).

MassDOT,-- RMV fee notice. SD2719

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2437) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the regulation of nutrient management and fertilizer in the town of Nantucket [Local approval received];

Nantucket,-- nutrient management.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2436) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the Nantucket Sewer Act [Local approval received]; and

Nantucket,-- sewer commission.

By the same Senator, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2438) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter for the town of Nantucket [Local approval received];

Nantucket,-- charter.

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

Severally 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. 4046) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land situated in said town held for park purposes to the Nantucket Conservation Foundation, Inc. for open space, recreational, and conservation purposes; and

Nantucket,-- land conveyance.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4047) of Patricia A. Haddad (by vote of the town) that the town of Swansea be authorized to establish a trust to administer a length of service award program for volunteer firefighters of the fire department of said town;

Swansea Fire Department,-- award program.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

A Bill relative to the town of Monson treasurer-collector position (House, No. 3716,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Monson,-- treasurer-collector.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brownsberger) “honoring the memory of Michael Driscoll of the City of Watertown”;

Michael Driscoll.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lewis) “congratulating Geoffrey “Geoff” Beckwith on his retirement as Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc.”;

Geoffrey “Geoff” Beckwith.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Moran) “congratulating the Falmouth Rod & Gun Club, Inc. on its ninetieth anniversary”; and

Falmouth Rod & Gun Club, Inc.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Oliveira, Gomez, Mark, Velis and Fattman, and Ms. Comerford) “congratulating Sister Mary Caritas on her one hundredth birthday.”

Sister Mary Caritas.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kimberly Riggins, an employee of the department of correction (House, No. 4006,-- on petition),-- was read.

Kimberly Riggins,-- 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.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4058) of Marjorie C. Decker and Russell E. Holmes relative to insurance coverage to expand access to mental health services,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Financial Services.**

Mental health services,-- access.

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 Rutland to increase the membership of the town’s board of selectmen (Senate, No. 2371) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Rutland,-- select board.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

The House Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Lanesborough to the select board (House, No. 2029) (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.**

Lanesborough,--
board of selectmen.

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.

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