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Thursday, August 31, 2023.

Met at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. DiDomenico 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. DiDomenico), 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 Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the appointments of Senators Susan L. Moran, Sal N. DiDomenico and Jason M. Lewis (pursuant to Section 3A of Chapter 15D of the General Laws) to the State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care (received August 25, 2023);

State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care.

Communication from the Department of Public Health submitting its Arbovirus Weekly Report for the week of August 28, 2023 (received August 29, 2023); and

DPH,-- arbovirus report. SD2739 DPH,-- plan of correction. SD2740

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plan of correction for the Middlesex County Jail and House of Correction inspection on April 21 and 24, 2023 and May 16, 2023 (received August 30, 2023).

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House of Representatives announcing the following appointments by the Minority Leader:

Representative Kimberly N. Ferguson of Holden has been appointed to serve as his designee (under the provisions of Section 3A of Chapter 15D of the General Laws) to the State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care; and

State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care.

Representative Kelly W. Pease of Westfield has been appointed to serve as his designee (under the provisions of Section 79 of Chapter 154 of Acts of 2018) to the Early Education and Care Workforce Council.

Early Education and Care Workforce Council.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation validating the actions taken at the Princeton annual town meeting (House, No. 4057),-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Princeton,-- town meeting.

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. 44) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Paul W. Mark relative to the use of Department of Conservation and Recreation land for emergency service access in the town of Cummington;

Cummington,-- emergency services.

To the committee on the Environment and Natural Resources.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 45) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Liz Miranda

Criminal law,-- sentencing parity.

and Erika Uytterhoeven for legislation to provide sentencing parity in criminal law;

To the committee on the Judiciary.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 46) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to an Americans with Disabilities paratransit program;

ADA,-- paratransit program.

To the committee on Transportation.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4071) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Boston to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Luigi D'Addieco; and

Boston,-- Luigi D'Addieco.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4072) of Susannah M. Whipps and Natalie M. Blais (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Greenfield be authorized to exempt the positions of police chief and fire chief in said town from the civil service law;

Greenfield,-- civil service exemptions.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

A Bill changing the name of the Board of Selectmen of the town of Gosnold to Selectboard (House, No. 3842,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Gosnold,-- selectboard.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Feeney) "congratulating Mark Matanes on the occasion of his retirement as state commissioner of The Eastern Massachusetts Babe Ruth Leagues, Inc.;" and

Mark Matanes.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Jehlen) "commending The Regional Tibetan Association of Massachusetts, Inc. and The Tibetan Association of Boston, Inc. on their observance of the sixty-third anniversary of Tibetan Democracy Day."

Tibetan Association of MA, Inc. and The Tibetan Association of Boston, 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 exempting Joanne Ricardelli from the maximum age requirements for firefighters in the town of Wilmington (House, No. 3964),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Wilmington,-- Joanne Ricardelli.

The House Bill permitting the town of Wakefield to convey an easement to the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department (House, No. 4062),-- **was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.**

Wakefield,-- easement.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill validating the annual town meeting for the town of Blandford (see House, No. 661) (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. DiDomenico) and laid before the Governor for her approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That, when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Tuesday 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 eleven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.