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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

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Monday, September 18, 2023.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Reports.

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

Report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (pursuant to Section 15(c) of Chapter 239 of the General Laws) submitting its report summarizing the filings, actions and dispositions of summary process cases relative to rental protections from January 2023 through August 2023 (received September 15, 2023); and

EOTC,-- rental protections report. SD2758

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 Essex County Correctional Alternative Center (received September 15, 2023).

DPH,-- facility inspection. SD2759

Petition.

By Mr. Mark, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to authorize the continued employment of Jerry Shampang as an environmental police officer in the executive office of energy and environmental affairs, - and the same was referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Jerry Shampang,-- employment. SD2757

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4091) of Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) relative to candidates for elected office in the town of Provincetown;

Provincetown,-- charter.

To the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4092) of Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) relative to year-round housing occupancy restriction in the town of Provincetown;

Provincetown,-- year-round housing.

To the committee on Housing.

Bills

Authorizing Wayne A. Ellis to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3657,-- on petition); and

Wayne A. Ellis,-- retirement.

Authorizing Cynthia Falzone to purchase creditable service from the Norfolk county retirement board (House, No. 3979,-- on House, No. 3651);

Cynthia Falzone,-- retirement.

Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules

Bills

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Approving the Townsend special act charter (House, No. 3728,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Townsend,-- charter.

Merging certain voting precincts in the town of Groton (House, No. 3884,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Groton,-- voting precincts.

Changing the timing of preliminary elections in the city known as the town of Agawam to eight weeks preceding regular elections (House, No. 4023,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Agawam,-- preliminary elections.

Relative to the home rule charter of the city of Beverly (House, No. 4093,-- on House, No. 3747) [Local approval received on House, No. 3747];

Beverly,-- charter.

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

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4096) of Mathew J. Muratore and others for legislation to authorize insurance coverage for prosthetic devices and orthotic devices, - **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Financial Services.**

Prosthetic devices,-- insurance coverage.

*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill establishing the position of treasurer-collector in the town of Monson (see House, No. 3716) (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. Brownsberger) 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., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

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