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Monday, January 30, 2023.

Met at seven 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.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. O'Connor for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. O'Connor then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, members of the Weymouth Council on Aging. The group was on a trip to the State House learning about the different aspects of state government. The Senate welcomed them with applause and they withdrew from the Chamber.

Weymouth Council on Aging.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plans of correction for the MCI Concord inspection on October 19 and 20, 2022, Hampden County Jail and House of Correction inspection on December 7, 8 and 9, 2022 and Franklin County Jail and House of Correction inspection on January 20, 2023 (received January 26, 2023);

DPH,-- plans of correction. SD2422

Communication from the Office of Medicaid (pursuant to Section 13D½(b) of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting its 2022 report on minimum rates for behavioral health services provided by community behavioral health centers (received January 30, 2023); and

Medicaid,-- CBHC rate report. SD2424

Communication from MassHealth (pursuant to item 4000-0300 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its fiscal year 2023 report on the agency's methodology for projecting caseload and utilization (received January 30, 2023).

MassHealth,-- methodology report. SD2425

Reports.

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

Report of the Rare Disease Advisory Council (pursuant to Section 241(f) of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting its 2022 annual report (received January 26, 2023);

RDAC,-- annual report. SD2420

Report of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees (pursuant to Section 3 of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) submitting its rules and regulations adopted and/or amended by the Trustees of the University of Massachusetts in 2021 and 2022 (copies having been forwarded as required to the Governor, the Secretary of Administration and Finance and the House and Senate Chairs of the committee on Ways and Means) (received January 26, 2023); and

UMass BOT,-- rules and regulations. SD2423

Report of the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (pursuant to Section 3 of Chapter 55C of the General Laws) submitting the 2021-2022 State Election Campaign Fund report (received January 30, 2023).

OCPF,-- SECF report. SD2426

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Timilty) “congratulating Patricia Desmond on receiving the Paul Harris Fellowship Award for her dedicated service to the town of Milton.”

Patricia Desmond.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A communication from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission PERAC (under the provisions of Section 50 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting proposed amendments to the rules and regulations governing retirement of public employees in Massachusetts (840 CMR 3.00 and 13.00) (House, No. 49),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

PERAC,--
communication.

A message from the Governor recommending legislation relative to financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 52),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Transportation.**

Roads and bridges.

Remarks of Senator Patrick M. O'Connor.

Thank you Mr. President.

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Patrick M. O'Connor.

Through you to the members. I wanted to officially welcome the group of 80 members of the Weymouth Council on Aging who are here today with us who are touring the great Massachusetts State House and I wanted to officially welcome them and forever put their appearance here in the chamber into our journal and just to welcome every single person here. This is a beautiful building; I think you are going to have a fantastic day today; and I wanted to thank the President for the opportunity to introduce the ladies and gentlemen of the Weymouth Council on Aging. Thank you very much.

On motion of Mr. Tarr, under the provisions of Senate Rule 6, the remarks were printed in the Journal of the Senate.

Ordered printed.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Time of meeting.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.