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Thursday, September 14, 2023.

Met at seventeen 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.

Communications.

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

Communication from the Department of Public Health submitting its Arbovirus Weekly Report for the week of September 11, 2023 (received September 12, 2023); and

DPH,-- arbovirus report. SD2751 DCF,-- FRC report. SD2752

Communication from the Department of Children and Families (pursuant to item 4000-0051 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its 2022 Family Resource Center network program evaluation report (received September 12, 2023).

Report.

Report of the Department of Public Health (pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting its 2021 annual report on birth data and statistics (received September 13, 2023),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- birth report. SD2753

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Barrett for legislation to repeal the sales tax exemption for aircraft fuel;

Aircraft fuel,-- tax exemption. SD2754

By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael O. Moore for legislation to ensure the responsible use of advanced robotic technologies; and

Robotic technologies,-- responsible use. SD2756

By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation relative to technical rescue services;

Technical rescue services. SD2755

Severally, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4089) of Marcus S. Vaughn and Rebecca L. Rausch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wrentham be authorized to grant seven additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town,-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Wrentham,-- liquor licenses.

Bills

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Relative to Yarmouth tourism funding change (House, No. 3796,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Yarmouth,-- tourism funding.

Authorizing the town of Wendell and the town of New Salem to continue the employment of Joseph J. Cuneo (House, No. 3813,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Wendell,-- Joseph Cuneo employment.

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

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Scituate to appoint retired police officers as special police officers (see Senate, No. 2424) (which originated in the Senate), **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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrett) “congratulating the Concord Free Public Library Corporation on its one hundred fiftieth anniversary”;

Concord Free Public Library Corporation.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Eldridge) “commending Elizabeth Matos for 22 years of dedicated service to the commonwealth”; and

Elizabeth Matos.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O’Connor) “congratulating Alyssa Budd on her elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Alyssa Budd.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Jacob R. Oliveira and Aaron L. Saunders for legislation to protect against attempts to ban, remove, or restrict library access to materials.

Library access,-- restrict. SD2679

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Jacob R. Oliveira for legislation to authorize voluntary contributions to the Massachusetts Fire Fighters Academy Trust Fund.

Fire Fighters Academy Trust Fund. SD2455

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

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 House Bill relative to the town of Monson treasurer-collector position (House, No. 3716),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- “An Act establishing the position of treasurer-collector in the town of Monson”.**

Monson,-- treasurer-collector.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4094) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr for legislation to authorize the establishment of the Manuel F. Correllus State Forest trust fund;

Manuel F. Correllus
State Forest trust
fund.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4095) of Simon Cataldo relative to the retirement classification of Kurt Babick, an employee of the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District;

Acton-Boxborough
Regional School
District,-- retirement.

Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

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 Brian J. MacLean.

Moment of silence.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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.

Adjournment in Memory of Brian J. MacLean.

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Brian J. MacLean of Dorchester.

Officer Brian J. MacLean passed away on September 7, 2023. Officer MacLean was a 17-year veteran of the Boston Police Department who served admirably in several assignments including areas: B-3, C-6, B-2, D-4, E-18, as well as the Operations and Licensing Division of the Boston Police Department during his career.

Officer MacLean was a devoted father to Madison and Tyler and their mother Christine, as well as a beloved son of Mary Ellen and the late Harold M MacLean.

Officer MacLean will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and colleagues. We send our heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones during this tremendously sad and difficult time.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect to the memory of Brian J. MacLean, at twenty-two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Fattman, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.