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Met at eight minutes 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.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4743) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) that the town of North Reading be authorized to receive water from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority;

North Reading,--
MWRA.

To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4744) of Chris Walsh and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Framingham be authorized to reduce the number of town meeting members elected in each precinct from twelve to nine; and

Framingham,--
town meeting
members.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4745) of Chris Walsh and others (by vote of the town) relative to a town meeting quorum in the town of Framingham;

Framingham,--
town meeting
quorum.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4746) of Danielle W. Gregoire, James B. Eldridge, and Carmine L. Gentile (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Marlborough be authorized to exempt certain positions from the civil service law; and

Marlborough,--
civil service law.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4747) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) the town of North Reading be authorized to exempt the positions of police chief and police officer from the civil service law;

North Reading,--
civil service law.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Enise Pierre, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 4735, amended,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

Enise Pierre,--
sick leave.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Spilka and Mr. Ross) “commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor”; and

Pearl Harbor,--
anniversary.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) “congratulating Marcia Mittnacht on her retirement.”

Marcia Mittnacht,--
retirement.

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 relative to special police officers in the city known as the town of Weymouth (House, No. 4527) (it's 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.**

Weymouth,-- special police officers.

The House Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Bolton (House, No. 4602),-- was read a third time.

Bolton,-- recall elections.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Flanagan presented an amendment in section 2, by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- "Within 24 hours of receipt, the town clerk shall submit the petition to the board of registrars of voters of the town and the board of registrars shall immediately certify the number of signatures."

The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with the amendment.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Freetown as the Senator Joan M. Menard overpass (House, No. 4628, changed and amended),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Freetown,-- Joan M. Menard overpass.

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A Bill validating the actions taken at the annual town election held in the town of Blandford (printed in House, No. 4449,-- being a message from his Excellency the Governor),-- was read.

Blandford,-- town election.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4750) of Paul Brodeur and Jason M. Lewis for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Ruth Derfler, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

Ruth Derfler,-- sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4751) of Angelo M. Scaccia for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Francisco Melendez, an employee of the Department of Youth Services;

Francisco Melendez,- sick leave.

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

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, after remarks, were severally passed be to enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. Brownsberger) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Repealing the supplemental reserve fund in the city of Pittsfield (see Senate, No. 2412);

Bills laid before
the Governor.

Authorizing the disclosure of medical information to certain designated caregivers (see House, No. 3911, amended); and

Authorizing the town of Littleton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on premises (see House, No. 4453, amended).

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., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

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