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Met at fourteen 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.

Petition.

Ms. Chandler presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Harriette L. Chandler and Sarah K. Peake for legislation to provide tax relief to seniors while creating affordable housing;

Tax relief,-- seniors. SD2390

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

Reports of a Committee.

By Ms. L'Italien, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Salem to grant 1 additional liquor license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2140) [Local approval received];

Salem,-- liquor license.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Salem to convert a liquor license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises to a liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2141) [Local approval received];

Id.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Salem to grant 1 additional liquor license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2142) [Local approval received]; and

Id.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Salem to convert 2 seasonal liquor licenses to annual licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2143) [Local approval received];

Id.

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

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating certain proceedings of the town of North Reading (House, No. 4024),-- was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

North Reading,-- town meeting.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4016) of Paul J. Donato and

Malden,-- special police officers.

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Jason M. Lewis (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Malden be authorized to appoint special police officers in said city,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Bills

Providing for designated parking for veterans at city and town halls (House, No. 2763,-- on petition);

Veterans,-- parking.

Placing a plaque at the Staff Sergeant Paul W. Cronin Memorial Arena in the city of Revere in honor of Roger Naples (House, No. 3964, amended,-- on petition); and

Revere,-- Roger Naples.

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Haverhill as the U.S. Navy Petty Officer Caitlin E. Trask – Veterans of the War on Terror Memorial Bridge (House, No. 4025,-- on House, No. 3937);

Haverhill,-- bridge naming.

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

Bills

Limiting the transfer of certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Belmont (House, No. 3806,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Belmont,-- liquor license.

Limiting the transfer of certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in the town of Belmont (House, No. 3807,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Id.

Authorizing the town of Swampscott to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3931,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Swampscott,-- liquor license.

Authorizing the city of Salem to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3941,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Salem,-- liquor license.

Relative to a certain license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the city of Beverly (House, No. 3950,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Beverly,-- liquor license.

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

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by (Mr. Rush) “congratulating John J. Carroll on the occasion of his retirement.”

John J. Carroll.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Montigny, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Richard J. Ross and Shawn Dooley for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mary Faulkner, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Mary Faulkner,-- sick leave. SD2369

The rules were suspended, at the request of Mr. Tarr, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. Keenan, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Senate Bill authorizing the Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Sheffield to the Great Barrington Housing Authority (Senate, No. 2102),-- ought to pass.

Sheffield,-- land conveyance.

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.

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 authorizing the town of Lynnfield to convey certain land (House, No. 4010),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Lynnfield,-- land conveyance.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill authorizing any town or city to designate a check-off box on certain tax bills to fund a Veterans Memorial and Patriotic Celebration Fund (House, No. 4019,-- on petition),-- was read.

Veterans Memorial and Patriotic Celebration Fund.

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.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4031) of Carole A. Fiola and Michael J. Rodrigues relative to designating a certain bridge in the city of Fall River as the Ronald Costa bridge,-- **was referred in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.**

Fall River,-- Ronald Costa bridge.

Recess.

There being no objection, at twenty-one minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and, at twenty minutes before five o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Brownsberger in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Lynnfield to convey certain land (see House, No. 4010) (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 his approbation.**

Bill laid before the Governor.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Spilka, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill relative to advancing contraceptive coverage and economic security in our state (ACCESS) (House, No. 4009) (also based on Senate, No. 2204),-- ought to pass, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2210; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:-

Contraceptive coverage.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose,

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which is to provide forthwith contraceptive coverage and economic security in the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and convenience.”

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Lewis, and, after remarks, the bill was read a second time and, after further remarks, was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendment, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: “An Act relative to advancing contraceptive coverage and economic security in our state”.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendment.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at one o’clock P.M., in a full formal session with a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Tarr, at three minutes before five o’clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at one o’clock P.M.