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Tuesday, July 2, 2019.

Met at five minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Jehlen in the Chair)

The Chair (Ms. Jehlen), 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 Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Senator Dean A. Tran (under section 68 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) as his appointee to the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee; and

Gaming Policy Advisory Committee.

Communication from the Department of Public Utilities (pursuant to Section 1G(g) of Chapter 164 of the General Laws) submitting its 2018 annual report concerning self-generation (received July 1, 2019);

DPU,-- 2018 self-generation report. SD2488

Reports of a Committee.

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Senate Bill relative to limits on insurers' retroactive clawbacks for mental health and substance use disorder services (Senate, No. 589),-- ought to pass, with an amendment in section 2, in line 47, after the word "entity" by striking out ";" and inserting in place thereof the following:- "."; and in section 5, in line 128, by striking out the word "addiction" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "substance use disorder" [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Mental health services,-- clawbacks.

Read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means, with the amendment pending.

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Senate Bill to increase consumer transparency about insurance provider networks (Senate, No. 610),-- ought to pass [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Insurance providers,-- transparency.

Read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Friedman, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on petition, a Bill improving public health through a common application for core food, health and safety-net programs (Senate, No. 678) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Health,-- safety-net programs.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 686 and 708, a Bill to protect medically fragile kids (Senate, No. 686) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000]; and

MassHealth,-- nursing hours.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to consumer protection for prescription drug purchases (Senate, No. 733) [Estimated cost: greater than \$100,000];

Prescription drugs,-- consumer protection.

Severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3953) of Jack Patrick Lewis (by vote of the town) that the town of Ashland be authorized to establish an economic development special revenue account in said town,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Ashland,-- special revenue account.

A Bill relative to Hanson town elections (House, No. 641, amended,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Hanson,-- town elections.

*Recess.*

There being no objection, at six minutes past eleven o'clock, A.M., the Chair (Ms. Jehlen) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-eight minutes before two o'clock, P.M., the Senate reassembled, Ms. Jehlen in the Chair.

Recess.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3957) of David Biele and Nick Collins for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Darcy F. Currey, an employee of the Department of Correction;

Darcy F. Currey,-- sick leave.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3956) of Angelo L. D'Emilia and Marc R. Pacheco that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to transfer care and control of certain parcels of land in the town of Bridgewater from the Department of Correction to the Department of Fire Services;

Bridgewater,-- land transfer.

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Tarr--

*Ordered,* That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow 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 twenty-seven minutes before two o'clock, P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.