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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019.**

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Thursday, August 22, 2019.

Met at eleven minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Rodrigues 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. Rodrigues), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Report.

Report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to line-item 7010-0005 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) submitting its Gifted Education in Massachusetts Report (received August 21, 2019),-- was placed on file.

DESE,-- gifted education report. SD2542

Petition.

Mr. Boncore (by request) presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dee Lu for legislation relative to ethics in organ transplants;

Organ transplants. SD2541

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

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Election Laws, on the message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating the results of the annual town election held in the town of Heath on May 10, 2019 (printed in Senate, No. 2234);

Heath,-- town election.

Read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1871) of Eric P. Lesser, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and José F. Tosado for legislation to establish a commission on electronic notarization,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary;

Electronic notarization,-- commission.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1799) of Michael D. Brady, Jennifer E. Benson, Patrick M. O'Connor, Marc R. Pacheco and other members of the General Court for legislation to further regulate certain light frame residential construction,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security; and

Building code,-- non-combustible materials.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1812) of Nick Collins and David Biele for legislation relative to a certain ramp in the South Boston Waterfront,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Transportation.

South Boston,-- ramp.

Severally, under Senate Rule 36, the reports were considered forthwith and accepted.

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Relative to the Lanesborough Village Fire and Rescue District (House, No. 3863,-- on petition); and

Lanesborough.

Establishing the DHY clean waters community partnership for the town of Dennis, Harwich and Yarmouth (House, No. 3948,-- on House, No. 896);

DHY,-- clean waters.

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

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Brady and Timilty) “congratulating Riley Shaw of the town of East Bridgewater on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Riley Shaw.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Friedman) “congratulating Chief Steven Yetman on the occasion of his retirement from the Burlington Fire Department”;

Chief Steven Yetman.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Lovely) “congratulating Scott Trott on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Scott Trott.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Lorraine Carrozza on the occasion of her retirement as Director of the Bridgewater Office of Elder Affairs.”

Lorraine Carrozza.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Joanne M. Comerford for legislation relative to posting of employment opportunities;

State employment,-- postings. SD2482

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.**

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to extend veterans retirement buyback opportunities;

Veterans,-- buyback period. SD2483

**The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, 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.**

By Mr. Rodrigues, for the committee on Ways and Means, on Senate No. 2302, reported, in part, a “Bill relative to the Hampshire Council of Governments” (Senate, No. 2325).

Hampshire Council of Governments.

**The bill was read. There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O’Connor, and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

*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 amending the charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 1818, amended) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),--

Provincetown,-- charter.

was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Lowell to appoint retired police officers as special police officers within said city for paid detail assignments (House, No. 4022),-- was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Lowell,-- special police officers.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4050) of Adrian C. Madaro relative to motor vehicle rental transactions.

Motor vehicle,-- rentals.

**Under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4051) of Jack Patrick Lewis for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Ana Ferdaus, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance; and

Ana Ferdaus,-- sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4052) of John J. Mahoney for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Danielle Diaz, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services;

Danielle Diaz,-- sick leave.

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

*Engrossed Bills.*

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

Establishing a sick leave bank for Timothy Cuthbert, an employee of the Department of State Police (see House, No. 3959); and

Bills laid before the Governor.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Sandra Cuthbert, an employee of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy (see House, No. 3960).

*Order adopted.*

On motion of Mr. O'Connor--

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.

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