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Met at one minute 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.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) handed the gavel to Mr. Timilty for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Timilty then introduced, on the Rostrum, a group of dignitaries from Portugal. Among the group were Luis Carlos Maciel, the President of the municipal village of Lages on the Island of Flores Azores. President Maciel was also recognized for playing the 2nd trumpet for the Filarmónica União Operária e Cultural Nossa Senhora dos Remédios from Fajazinha Flores Açores. Also among the group were band conductor José Gabriel Eduardo, and clarinet player Soraya Mendonca. The group was visiting its sister city, Stoughton, in order to build a stronger relationship with the United States. They were accompanied by Nelson Garcia, Helder Resendes, Christina Resendes and Town Manager Robin Grimm of Stoughton. President Maciel addressed the Senate from the Rostrum, signed the guest book and they withdrew from the Chamber. They were also guests of Representatives Kafka of Stoughton and Galvin of Stoughton.

Portuguese
dignitaries.

Petitions.

Petitions were severally presented and referred as follows:

Mr. Tarr presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2330) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to accept certain property in Gloucester for park and conservation purposes under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution [Local approval received];

Gloucester,-- land.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michelle Ceurvels, an employee of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority;

Michelle Ceurvels,--
sick leave.
SD2554

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

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Feeney, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on Senate, No. 105 and House, No. 304, a Bill providing for provisional licensure for speech-language pathologists (Senate, No. 105);

Speech-language
pathologists,--
licenses.

Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Notice was received from the House announcing the following appointments by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Tiffani Faison, owner of Tiger Mama; Rebecca Roth Gullo, the president of the Gallows Group; and Bob Luz, the president of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, to the special commission established (under Chapter 49 of the Acts of 2019) and known as the restaurant promotion commission to review and develop recommendations and best practices for the promotion and continued growth and vitality of the restaurant industry in the Commonwealth.

Restaurant promotion
commission.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4065) of Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) that the town of Otis be authorized to establish recall elections in said town;

Otis,-- recall
elections

To the committee on Election Laws.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4066) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) relative to the board of selectmen in the town of Sunderland;

Sunderland,-- board
of selectmen.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Bills

Relative to the cemetery commission of the town of Westford (House, No. 3694,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Westford,-- cemetery
commission.

Relative to the gender neutral redraft of the home rule charter of the town of Easton (House, No. 3984,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Easton,--
home rule charter.

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 severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Feeney) “congratulating Paul J. Schleicher on the occasion of his retirement a Fire Chief of the town of Norton”;

Paul J. Schleicher.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tarr) “commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the American Legion Post No. 211 in the town of Georgetown”;

American Legion
Post No. 211.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Timilty, Feeney and Keenan) “congratulating the Blue Hills Trailside Museum on the sixtieth anniversary of its establishment”; and

Blue Hills Trailside
Museum.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Welch, Lesser, Humason, Hinds, and Ms. Comerford) “commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the Massachusetts State Exposition Building.”

Massachusetts State
Exposition Building.

Reports of a Committee.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petitions of Barry R. Finegold for legislation relative to preventing suicide.

Suicide,-- prevention.
SD2505

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petitions of Barry R. Finegold for legislation relative to the transfer and sale of a certain parcel of land in the town of Tewksbury.

Tewksbury,-- land.
SD2265

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

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Matters Taken out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objections, the following matters were taken out of the Orders of the day and considered as follows:

The Senate Bill to provide certain retirement benefits and medical benefits to the widow and children of Everett Firefighter Thaddeus M Baxter, Jr. (Senate, No. 2229),-- was read a third time.

Thaddeus Baxter,--
retirement benefits.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. DiDomenico presented and amendment substituting a new draft entitled "An Act authorizing the city of Everett to provide certain death, retirement and medical benefits to the widow and children of deceased firefighter Thaddeus M. Baxter, Jr." (Senate, No. 2332).

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2332) was then passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The Senate Bill amending the home rule charter of the city of Easthampton (Senate, No. 2229),-- was read a second time.

Easthampton,--
charter.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Humason presented an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2331).

The amendment was adopted.

The bill (Senate, No. 2331) was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3939, amended) (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.

Order adopted.

On motion of Mr. deMacedo--

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.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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