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Met at twelve 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.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) introduced in the rear of the Chamber, Mr. Mike Haridopolos, former President of the Florida Senate. Mr. Haridopolus served in the Florida Senate from 2003-2012 and as President from 2010-2012. He also served in the Florida House of Representitives from 2000-2003. Mr. Haridopolus was visiting the State House and was accompanied by his daughter Reagan.

Mike Haridopolos.

Communications.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Communications from the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, announcing the following appointments to the special commission on the status of citizens of Asian descent:

Asian descent commission.

- Haniya Syeda of Framingham
Jonjy A. Ananth MD of Shrewsbury;

Communication from the Special Commission on Bail Reform (pursuant to Section 220 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018, as amended by Section 23 of Chapter 34 of the Acts of 2019) submitting a copy of its report of findings and recommendations (received December 31, 2019);

Bail Reform Commission,-- report. SD2718

Communication from the Fiscal Management Control Board (pursuant to Section 207 (b) of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting notice of its intent on filing its annual report (received December 26, 2019);

FMCB,-- annual report notice. SD2719

Communication from the District Attorney for Worcester County (pursuant to Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) stating that there were no applications for wiretap warrants for the calendar year 2019; and

Worcester DA,-- wiretap. SD2720

Communication from the Essex District Attorney (pursuant to line item 0340-2100 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) submitting this notice of the intention of EAS to transfer funds from the AA object class (copies having been forwarded to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means).

Essex DA,-- AA object class fund transfer. SD2721

Report.

Report from the District Attorney for Worcester County (pursuant to Section 99R of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of wiretap interceptions for the calendar year 2019 (received January 3, 2020),-- was placed on file.

Worcester DA,-- wiretap. SD2720.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1813), a Bill establishing a commission on the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution (Senate, No. 2452);

American Revolution,-- 250th anniversary.

Read and, under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate, No. 1554 and House, No. 2317, a Bill providing fair and equitable line of duty death benefits for public employees (Senate, No. 1554);

Line of duty,-- public employees.

By Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill making technical corrections to the state trademarks act (Senate, No. 1821); and

Trademark Act,-- technical corrections.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill authorizing the transfer of care and control of certain parcels of land in the town of Bridgewater from the Department of Correction to the Department of Fire Services (Senate, No. 2306);

Bridgewater,-- land.

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

By Mr. Pacheco, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on petition, a Bill relative to removing the term hearing impaired from the general laws (Senate, No. 1824);

Hearing impaired,-- term.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a relative to the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (Senate, No. 1858); and

MCAD,-- membership.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing Arbor and Bird days (Senate, No. 2277);

Arbor and Bird days.

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

By Mr. Finegold, for the committee on Public Service, on petition, a Bill exempting all positions in the Police Department of the town of Rockport from the civil service law (Senate, No. 2360) [Local approval received];

Rockport,-- civil service law.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative enhancing flexibility for event licensing in the town of Foxborough (printed in House, No. 4842,-- being a message from His Excellency the Governor),-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.**

Foxborough,-- event licensing.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4284) of Shawn Dooley (by vote of the town) relative to rent regulation and the control of evictions in mobile home park accommodations in the town of Plainville,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Housing.**

Mobile homes,-- rent control.

Resolutions.

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

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Jared Pierce on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout.”

Jared Pierce.

Report 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 Cindy F. Friedman and Marc T. Lombardo for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jennifer Capone, an employee of the Department of Children and Families;

Jennifer Capone,--
sick leave.
SD2692

The rules were suspended, on motion 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.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Eastham to establish a water connection assistance program (see House, No. 3908) (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
Governor.

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 changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Lexington to the select board (House, No. 4062),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Lexington,--
select board.

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 Mr. Tarr, at sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.