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Met at nineteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Collins in the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Collins), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

Communications from the Department of Public Health relative to a plan of correction for North Central Correctional Institution - Gardner on February 11, 12 & 18, 2020 (received March 13, 2020),-- was placed on file.

DPH,-- plan of correction. SD2871

Reports.

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

Report of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (pursuant to Chapter 204 of the Acts of 2018) submitting its review of MBTA Commuter Rail Fares (received March 13, 2020); and

DOT,-- commuter rail fares. SD2872

Report of the Department of Correction (pursuant to Section 223 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting its report of the Panel on Justice-Involved Women (received March 10, 2020).

DOC,-- justice-involved women. SD2873

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Gobi, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to study the noise effects of hunting migratory game birds in neighborhoods and communities within established coastal zones (Senate, No. 441);

Game birds,-- hunting.

By Mr. Crighton, for the committee on Housing on petition, (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 783), a Bill relative to senior and non-elderly disabled housing (Senate, No.2529) [Representative Crocker of Barnstable dissenting]; and

Disabled housing,-- senior.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 783), a Bill relative to attainable housing in seasonal communities (Senate, No.2530) [Representatives Decoste of Norwell and Crocker of Barnstable dissent];

Seasonal communities,-- affordable housing.

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

By Ms. Gobi, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on Senate, No. 485 and House, No. 736, a Bill authorizing the establishment of old growth forest reserves (Senate, No. 485);

Old growth forest,-- reserves.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the use of glyphosate on public lands (Senate, No. 499);

Glyphosate,-- public land.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 506 and House, No. 861, a Bill to assist municipal and district ratepayers (Senate, No. 506) [Representative Ciccolo of Lexington dissenting];

Municipal and district ratepayers assistance.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing tracking

Greenhouse gas

and reporting requirements for Massachusetts transportation fuels and associated greenhouse gas emissions (Senate, No. 521);

emissions,-- tracking.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to the removal and disposal of waste oils (Senate, No. 532); and

Waste oil,-- disposal.

By the same Senator, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill relative to waste removal plans for transfer stations (Senate, No. 537);

Transfer stations,--
waste removal.

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

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

Bills

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Woburn as the Angelo Piazza Bridge (House, No. 4207,-- on petition);

Woburn,-- Angelo
Piazza Bridge.

Relative to certain licenses in the town of Foxborough (House, No. 4282,-- on petition); and

Foxborough,--
licenses.

Authorizing Old Rochester Regional School District to enter into renewable energy agreements (House, No. 4435,-- on House, No. 4248);

Old Rochester
Regional School
District.

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

Bills

Relative to disqualification of bidders on city contracts in the city of Northampton (House, No. 4102,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and

Northampton,--
city contracts.

Relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Weston (House, No. 4273,-- on petition) [Local approval received];

Weston,-- special
police officers.

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. Brownsberger) “commending the Admetech Foundation on hosting the twelfth annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Day at the Massachusetts State House on March 26, 2020”;

Prostate Cancer
Awareness Day.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Spencer A. Andersen on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Spencer A. Andersen.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Nathan J. Bradshaw on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Nathan J. Bradshaw.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Alexander S. Diogenes on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”;

Alexander S.
Diogenes.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pacheco) “congratulating Benjamin W. Diogenes on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout”; and

Benjamin W.
Diogenes.

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

Michael J. Pompei.

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 Senate Bill revoking the town of Longmeadow’s acceptance of a certain general

Longmeadow,--
board of election

law establishing a board of election commissioners (Senate, No. 2468),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

commissioners.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Pelham (House, No. 4101),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Pelham,--
town clerk.

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The Senate Bill authorizing the city of Easthampton to grant 8 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, 4 additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premise and 1 additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2381),-- came from the House, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, *with an amendment* in section 1 by striking out subsection (e) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

Easthampton,--
liquor license.

“(e) If a licensee terminates or fails to renew a license granted under this section or if a license granted under this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use at the location of original issuance, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority, which may then grant the license to a new applicant under the same conditions as specified in this act.”

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the House amendment was considered forthwith and adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill relative to the town treasurer, town tax collector and town clerk of the town of Chester (House, No. 4283,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Chester,-- town
appointments.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the bill was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4573) of Louis L. Kafka, William C. Galvin and Walter F. Timilty relative to retirement benefits for Mary Coulter-Bennett, the surviving beneficiary of former State Police Detective Lieutenant William Coulter,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Mary Coulter-
Bennett,-- retirement
benefits.

Report of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Senate Order, granting the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy until June 4, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2514, relative to gas safety (Senate, No. 2591),-- ought to be adopted.

Telecommunications,
Utilities and Energy,-
- extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

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Orders.

Mr. Timilty in the Chair, the following House Orders (severally approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently) were considered as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs be granted until Monday, June 15, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4407.

Veterans and Federal
Affairs,-- extension
order.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the order (House, No. 4556) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until Thursday, June 4, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 4389 and 4390.

Telecommunications,
Utilities and Energy,-
- extension order.

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the order (House, No. 4560) was considered forthwith; and adopted, in concurrence.

Recess.

There being no objection, at twenty-eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mr. Timilty) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-five minutes before two o'clock P.M., the Senate reassembled, Mr. Timilty in the Chair.

Recess.

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 city known as the town of Watertown to grant 15 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4241),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Watertown,--
liquor license.

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation authorizing waiver of the one week waiting period for unemployment benefits (Senate, No. 2598) (received in the office of the Clerk of the Senate on Monday, March 16, 2020, at fourteen minutes past ten o'clock A.M.);

Unemployment
waiver.

The message was read; and, under Senate Rule 20, with the accompanying bill, was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

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Messages were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to designating September 14, 2020 as a legal holiday (House, No. 4571);

September 14, 2020,-
- holiday.

To the committee on the Judiciary.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to address challenges in town governance resulting from COVID-19 (House, No. 4572);

COVID-19,-- town
governance.

To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Feeney,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., and the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of Senator Brady, at twenty-one minutes before two o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.