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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.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), 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:

Bills laid before the Governor.

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 (see Senate, No. 2381, amended); and Establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Pelham (see House, No. 4101).

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 authorizing the town of Sutton to grant real property abatements to certain military personnel (Senate, No. 1650),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Sutton,-- property abatements.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to the town treasurer, town tax collector and town clerk of the town of Chester (House, No. 4283),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Chester,- town officials.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Reading to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4243),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Reading,-- senior tax exemption.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Melanie LaRocca for legislation relative to rabies and other vaccination requirements and licensing;

Vaccinations,-- rabies. SD2851

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, and the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied

by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Michael O. Moore and New England Police Benevolent Association for legislation relative to emergency hazard health duty;

Emergency hazard health duty.
SD2865

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

By Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Trek Reef, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Trek Reef,-- sick leave.
SD2774

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, 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 Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of John F. Keenan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jessica Zamansky, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance;

Jessica Zamansky,-- sick leave.
SD2866

The rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Fattman, 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 Ms. Lovely, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Senate petition of Eva Korpi for legislation to reduce the environmental impact of cigarette butts in streams, rivers, and in the ocean by increasing the tax on cigarettes by 100%;

Cigarette tax.
SD2852

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

Severally sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4575) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Adam G. Hinds for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Victoria Deschamps, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission,-- **was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.**

Victoria Deschamps,-
- sick leave.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fattman,--

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 the same Senator, at seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.